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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 March 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This is the first action for application number 10/796785. Claims 1-27 are pending in this application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cook, et al. US 6,178,432 (Hereinafter, Cook).

Regarding Claim 1, Cook discloses, “a method for deferring instantiation of one or more hidden interface elements in a rich Internet application (RIA) comprising: responsive to beginning said RIA, generating a descriptor tree having a plurality of descriptor nodes”. Specifically, FIG. 4B is a block diagram which illustrates how a tree of triggered events occurs when object A, which is in stack container C along with object B, changes state from "hidden" to "shown." (Cook, col 11, ln 40-50).

Cook also discloses, “wherein each of said plurality of descriptor nodes describes a plurality of visible interface elements of said RIA visible at said

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beginning of said RIA". Specifically, FIG. 4B is a block diagram which illustrates how a tree of triggered events occurs when object A, which is in stack container C along with object B, changes state from "hidden" to "shown." (Cook, col 11, ln 40-50).

Cook also discloses, "creating one or more hidden descriptor nodes in said descriptor tree describing said one or more hidden interface elements responsive to a user navigating to said one or more hidden interface elements". Specifically, FIG. 4B is a block diagram which illustrates how a tree of triggered events occurs when object A, which is in stack container C along with object B, changes state from "hidden" to "shown." (Cook, col 11, ln 40-50).

Cook also discloses, "and rendering said plurality of visible interface elements and said one or more hidden interface elements using corresponding ones of: said plurality of descriptor nodes; and said one or more hidden descriptor nodes". Specifically, it should be noted that triggered events may occur simultaneously to or interspersed between new user input events or redraw events (Cook, col 11, ln 59-65).

Regarding Claim 2, Cook also discloses, "the method of claim 1 further comprising: converting said plurality of descriptor nodes into a plurality of detail objects". Specifically, FIG. 4B is a block diagram which illustrates how a tree of triggered events occurs when object A, which is in stack container C along with object B, changes state from "hidden" to "shown." (Cook, col 11, ln 40-50).

Cook also discloses, "converting said one or more hidden descriptor nodes into one or more hidden detail objects". Specifically, FIG. 4B is a block diagram which illustrates how a tree of triggered events occurs when object A, which is in stack container C along with object B, changes state from "hidden" to "shown." (Cook, col 11, ln 40-50).

Cook also discloses, "wherein said plurality of visible interface elements and said one or more hidden interface elements are rendered directly using said plurality of detail objects and said one or more hidden detail objects". Specifically, it should be noted that triggered events may occur simultaneously to or interspersed between new user input events or redraw events (Cook, col 11, ln 59-65).

Regarding Claim 3, Cook also discloses, "the method of claim 1 wherein each one of said plurality of descriptor nodes and said one or more hidden descriptor nodes contains a software method for generating each its child nodes". Specifically, Thus, A's change of state triggers state changes in objects B, X, and Y. The state changes in B, X, and Y are each triggered events which may themselves trigger other events. All such triggered events are determined and processed by the applet" (Cook, col 11, ln 40-50).

Regarding Claim 4, Cook also discloses, "the method of claim 1 further comprising: downloading executable code representing said RIA to a computer of said user responsive to said beginning of said RIA, wherein said generating and

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said creating use said executable code". Specifically, it should be noted that triggered events may occur simultaneously to or interspersed between new user input events or redraw events (Cook, col 11, ln 59-65). Furthermore, FIG. 7C illustrates the structure that is created for the interactive web page that is available for downloading by users as a result of the Web page author attaching prototype 703 shown in FIG. 7A to butterfly object 740 shown in FIG. 7B (Cook, col 17, ln 16-25).

Regarding Claim 5, Cook also discloses, "the method of claim 2 further comprising: storing as a plurality of stored nodes each of: said plurality of descriptor nodes; said one or more hidden descriptor nodes; said plurality of detail objects; and said one or more hidden detail objects". Specifically, Once data storage 212 are transferred to storage unit 276 (Cook, col 7, ln 15-21).

Cook also discloses, "re-rendering each of said plurality of visible interface elements and said one or more hidden interface elements from said plurality of stored nodes". Specifically, processing unit 272 causes Web page 100 to be displayed on monitor 274 using a Java applet received from computer 250 as part of data storage 212 (Cook, col 7, ln 15-21).

Regarding Claim 6, Cook also discloses, "the method of claim 1 wherein said one or more hidden descriptor nodes created has a navigational relationship with a particular one of said one or more hidden interface elements to which said user navigates". Specifically, Thus, A's change of state triggers state changes in

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objects B, X, and Y. The state changes in B, X, and Y are each triggered events which may themselves trigger other events. All such triggered events are determined and processed by the applet" (Cook, col 11, ln 40-50).

Regarding Claim 7, Cook also discloses, "the method of claim 6 wherein said navigational relationship comprises one or more of: a direct link; an ordinal relationship; a statistical relationship; and a positional relationship". Specifically, Thus, A's change of state triggers state changes in objects B, X, and Y. The state changes in B, X, and Y are each triggered events which may themselves trigger other events. All such triggered events are determined and processed by the applet" (Cook, col 11, ln 40-50).

Regarding Claim 8, Cook also discloses, "the method of claim 1 further comprising: creating select ones of said one or more hidden descriptor nodes in said descriptor tree responsive to beginning said RIA". Specifically, FIG. 4B is a block diagram which illustrates how a tree of triggered events occurs when object A, which is in stack container C along with object B, changes state from "hidden" to "shown." (Cook, col 11, ln 40-50).

Regarding Claim 9, Cook also discloses, "a method for executing a rich Internet application (RIA) defined using procedural code and declarative code, said method comprising: creating a root application node of a descriptor tree, responsive to a user initiating said RIA". Specifically, FIG. 4B is a block diagram

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which illustrates how a tree of triggered events occurs when object A, which is in stack container C along with object B, changes state from "hidden" to "shown." (Cook, col 11, ln 40-50).

Cook also discloses, "generating a plurality of descriptor nodes for said descriptor tree, wherein each of said plurality describes an interface element currently visible to said user on a currently visible pane of said RIA". Specifically, FIG. 4B is a block diagram which illustrates how a tree of triggered events occurs when object A, which is in stack container C along with object B, changes state from "hidden" to "shown." (Cook, col 11, ln 40-50).

Cook also discloses, "responsive to said user navigating to a subsequent pane of said RIA, constructing a plurality of stacked descriptor nodes for said descriptor tree". Specifically, objects are organized into structures which include groups, stacks, and switches. A group is a collection of objects which are all displayed or hidden together. A stack is a group of objects which are displayed one at a time so that when one of the objects in the stack is displayed, all of the other objects are hidden (Cook, col 5, ln 59-67).

Cook also discloses, "wherein each of said plurality of stacked descriptor nodes describes said interface element invisible to said user on said currently visible pane of said RIA and associated with said subsequent pane". A group is a collection of objects which are all displayed or hidden together. A stack is a group of objects which are displayed one at a time so that when one of the objects in the stack is displayed, all of the other objects are hidden (Cook, col 5, ln 59-67).

Cook also discloses, “and creating a detail object from each one of: said plurality of descriptor nodes; and said plurality of stacked descriptor nodes” “and rendering said interface element using a corresponding detail object”. Specifically, it should be noted that triggered events may occur simultaneously to or interspersed between new user input events or redraw events (Cook, col 11, ln 59-65).

Regarding Claim 10, Cook also discloses, “the method of claim 9 wherein said generating comprises: generating one of said plurality of descriptor nodes for a container of said interface element invisible to said user on said currently visible pane of said RIA”. Specifically, it should be noted that triggered events may occur simultaneously to or interspersed between new user input events or redraw events (Cook, col 11, ln 59-65).

Regarding Claim 11, Cook also discloses, “the method of claim 9 wherein said association between said subsequent pane and said plurality of stacked descriptor nodes **comprises one of**: a direct link; an ordinal relationship; a statistical relationship; and a positional relationship”. Specifically, Thus, A's change of state triggers state changes in objects B, X, and Y. The state changes in B, X, and Y are each triggered events which may themselves trigger other events. All such triggered events are determined and processed by the applet" (Cook, col 11, ln 40-50).

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Regarding Claim 12-19, 20-27, these claims are substantially similar to claim 1-8 and are therefore rejected based upon the same reasoning used to reject claims 1-8.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ASHRAF ZAHR whose telephone number is (571)270-1973. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30 am - 6 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Bashore can be reached on (571)272-4088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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